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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No.: 10/668,326; Filed: September 24, 2003
For: **N-Substituted Hydromorphones and the Use Thereof**
Inventor: Donald J. KYLE
Our Ref: 1861.1640001/JMC/THN

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
2. A copy of a postcard receipt date stamped April 7, 2004; and
3. One (1) return postcard.

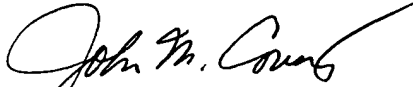
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- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned

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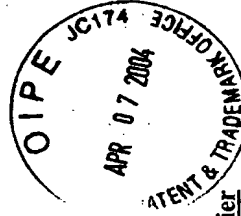
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